



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

Women's Health Initiative

Policy Summary:

The Blueprint for Health, a program of the Agency of Human Services (AHS), is launching the Women's Health Initiative (WHI). As women receive substantial preventive care services in OB-GYN and women's health clinic settings, the WHI extends participation in the Blueprint to women's health specialty providers. Through the WHI, these providers will provide enhanced health and psychosocial screening along with comprehensive family planning counseling that emphasizes the effectiveness of different birth control options and same-day insertion for women who choose long acting reversible contraceptives as their preferred method of birth control. New staff, training, and payments will support effective follow-up to provider screenings through brief, in-office intervention and referral to services for depression, substance abuse, intimate partner violence, food, and housing. The WHI will work to ensure women's health providers have the resources they need to help women be well, avoid unintended pregnancies, and build thriving families.

WHI practices will receive three forms of payment to support the provision of high-quality women's health primary care and well-coordinated health services:

1. Recurring per member per month (PMPM) payments to WHI practices
2. Recurring payments to the Community Health Team (CHT) administrative entities to support WHI CHT staff.
3. A one-time per member payment (PMP) to support stocking of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) devices to WHI practices.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2017

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Global Commitment to Health 1115 Waiver.](#)

Population Affected:

Female patients 15 – 44 years old with Vermont Medicaid as primary payer or dual-enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid without having a commercial insurer as the primary payer.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated annualized budget impact for this initiative is \$1.8 million.

Public Comment Period:

12/30/16 – 1/30/17

Send comments to:

AHS Medicaid Policy Unit
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Or [submit a comment via e-mail](#).

There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, that information can be found at the [DVHA website](#) either through the calendar or listed under upcoming events. Comments received will be posted to the DVHA website at [this link](#) by February 14, 2017.

Additional Information:

- The Vermont Blueprint for Health is a state-led, nationally-recognized initiative transforming the way primary care and comprehensive health services are delivered and paid for. More information about the Blueprint can be found by visiting the [Blueprint for Health](#) website.
- [Women's Health Initiative section in the Blueprint Manual](#)
- [WHI sample introduction letter to providers](#)
- [WHI sample attestation document for providers](#)